

there were no other reason, the very fact that there is no apparent necessity for prolonging the time of which there is no complaint is sufficient to induce me to vote for retaining the present term of two years.

Mr. DANIEL. I wish to express my approbation of what has been so well said by the gentleman from Howard, as well as the gentlemen from Baltimore city and Frederick. — If we look at deputy sheriffs who expect to be elected as sheriffs at the next term, and a great many of them are electioneering for it, there is a temptation to these men very frequently not to make their collections as they ought to do. I think the same reason would operate as well as the reasons which have been assigned, upon the sheriffs; that there would be every inducement for them to delay their executions, if they have held out to them by these very men from whom they are to collect, that they will support them at the next election.

In addition to that, this office is a very remunerative one in every county and the city of Baltimore; because in nearly every county, if not in every county, they have the taxes to collect in addition to the regular amount of the sheriff's duties. This makes it an important office. Not only the sheriffs themselves are interested in this, but their bondsmen. I apprehend that if you prolong the term to four years, and put the collection of taxes in the hands of the sheriff, he will find it very difficult, for a term of four or eight years, to get bondsmen. My experience is that nearly every sheriff in the State comes here and asks additional time to make his collections after he has gone out of office. Hardly a sheriff finishes up his work without asking additional time. And yet you propose to put him in another term, and to make the term four years.

It is a significant fact that where the sheriff is appointed, he is appointed annually; showing that there is some good reason for making the term short; and the reason is this, that they should make up their collections, and relieve their bondsmen, and go out of office for a term; and then if they have been good sheriffs they can be put in again.

The amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. McCORMACK, (seconded by Messrs. ANNAN and ABBOTT,)

The vote by which the amendment submitted by Mr. THOMAS was adopted, was reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. THOMAS, to strike out the words "and shall be ineligible for two years thereafter,"

It was rejected; leaving the section as reported by the committee.

No further amendment was offered.

The next section was read as follows:

Section 39. Coroners, elisors and notaries public may be appointed for each county

and the city of Baltimore, in the manner, for the purposes, and with the powers now fixed or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.

No amendment was offered.

Mr. HERR submitted the following amendment:

At the end of the twelfth section insert:

"The present chief justice and associate justices of the court of appeals shall continue to act as such until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and an election for a judge of the court of appeals, to be taken from the fourth judicial district shall be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. HERR submitted the following amendment:

Insert as an additional section the following:

Section 24. In case of the death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of a judge of an orphans' court, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office for the residue of the term thus made vacant."

The PRESIDENT. It is my impression that a provision of that sort has been already adopted.

Mr. HERR. No, sir; not for the orphans' court. This is to provide for filling a vacancy in the orphans' court.

Mr. THOMAS. On page 535 of the journal the gentleman will find that a section submitted by myself was adopted:

"Mr. THOMAS submitted the following amendment:

"Insert as an additional section the following:

Section 24. In case of the death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of a judge by the courts of this State, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall thereupon appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office until the next general election for members to the general assembly thereafter, at which time an election shall be held as herein prescribed, for a judge who shall hold said office for the term of fifteen years, and until the election and qualification of his successor."

"Decided in the affirmative."

Mr. HERR. That provides for a judge to be elected for fifteen years. I hardly suppose we want a judge of the orphans' court to be elected for fifteen years.

Mr. SCHLEY. I will call the attention of the convention to a clause in the article on the executive department, authorizing the governor to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, all civil and military officers whose appointment or election is not otherwise herein provided for, unless a